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SUBJECT: SOVIET V-E DAY CELEBRATIONS

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1. AMBASSADOR AND DCM RECEIVED INVITATION FROM SOVIET AMBASSADOR FOR RECEPTION MAY 7 QUOTE IN HONOR OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VICTORY OVER HITLER'S FASCISM END QUOTE. ALSO RECEIVED WAS INVITATION FROM CZECH RESIDENT CHARGE FOR MAY 9 QUOTE ON THE OCCASION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LIBERATION END QUOTE.

2. IN VIEW INOFFENSIVE WORDING OF INVITATIONS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL PARA 5, AMB AND DCM WILL ATTEND THE FUNCTIONS. HOWEVER, BOTH PLAN IN CONVERSATIONS WITH HOSTS AND OTHER GUESTS DURING FUNCTIONS TO TALK OF THE IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION THE U.S. AND OTHER ALLIES MADE IN WINNING THE WAR.

3. FYI, FRG AMB WAS ALSO INVITED TO SOVIET FUNCTION BUT HAS DECLINED. FRENCH AND NORWEGIAN AMBASSADORS "PROBABLY" WILL ATTEND. FONMIN AND OTHER MFA OFFICIALS WILL ATTEND BECAUSE "THEY DO NOT KNOW HOW TO GRACEFULLY DECLINE," WITHOUT OFFENDING THE SOVIETS.

4. FYI, PRIMEMIN TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SOVIET-ICELANDIC FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY ALSO HOLDING CELEBRATION AND AT REQUEST OF SOCIETY

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FONMIN HAS AGREED TO MAKE "APPROPRIATE REMARKS" AT THE FUNCTION.

PRIMEMIN IS CHAGRINED AT FONMIN FOR AGREEING TO MAKE REMARKS.
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